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THIS IS A SITUATION SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER FROM 6 OCTOBER TO 10 OCTOBER 63. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A COLLATION OF A NUMBER OF HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES.

1. RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON LHASA AIRFIELD, APRX 55 NM NORTH OF LHASA, ON NORTH SIDE OF THE TA-MU (RIVER) AT 3030N 09107E. TWO RUNWAYS ARRANGED IN A V-PATTERN, ONE HAS AN APRX 10,000 FT NE/SW ASPHALT SURFACE, SERVICEABLE RUNWAY, AND THE OTHER HAS AN APRX 13,000 FT ENE/WSW ASPHALT SURFACE RUNWAY, POSSIBLY SERVICEABLE. A TAXIWAY LEADS TO A PARKING APRON OFF THE NE END OF THE NE/SW RUNWAY. A SUPPORT AREA WITH 20 BLDGS (INCLUDING AN OPERATIONS BLDG WITH CONTROL TOWER) AND A BARRACKS AREA WITH APRX 50 BLDGS. TWO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, ONE AT AIRFIELD AND THE OTHER 3 NM SW OF THE SUPPORT AREA WERE ALSO OBSERVED. A WALLED STORAGE AREA AND A WALLED MOTOR POOL ARE REPORTED ACROSS THE TA-MU HO (RIVER). APRX 65 TRUCKS WERE REPORTED DURING PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

2. AN AIRSTRIP WITH AN APRX 6,000 FT E/W SOD RUNWAY IS REPORTED 14 NM NNW OF NAGGHHU DZONG AT 3133N 09143E. RUNWAY APPEARS UNSERVICEABLE AND NO AIRCRAFT OR FACILITIES ARE REPORTED.

3. AN EARLY-WARNING RADAR SITE WAS OBSERVED AT 2854N 08936E, 1 NM SOUTH OF GYANTSE. AN SCR-270 RADAR, CONTROL VAN, PROBABLE

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CROSS FORK RADAR ON VAN, AND 2 TENTS ARE REPORTED.

4. A HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT WITH GENERATOR HALL CONTAINING 5 PROBABLE GENERATORS WAS OBSERVED APRX 9 NM EAST OF LHASA AT 2939N Ø9116E. AN ADJACENT SUBSTATION, 14 LARGE BARRACKS/STORAGE AND 14 SMALL MISC BLDGS WERE ALSO REPORTED.

5. FIVE AREAS OF MAJOR MILITARY ACTY WITHIN THE LHASA COMPLEX ARE REPORTED BY RELIABLE SOURCES. AREA A--SOURCE REPORTS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN AREA EXTEND FROM WEST EDGE OF LHASA FOR A DISTANCE OF APRX 6 MI ALONG KYI CHHU (RIVER). EACH INSTALLATION REPORTEDLY CONTAINS NUMEROUS BARRACKS, STORAGE, AND OTHER BLDGS. A MILITARY HOSPITAL, 1 SMALL TENT AREA AND A TRANSPORTATION HEADQUARTERS ALSO SEEN IN THE VICINITY. AN OCCUPIED 8-GUN AAA POSITION AND APRX 6ØØ VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AREA B--SECURED AREA APRX 2 NM NORTH OF LHASA AT 2941N Ø9106E IS REPORTED TO CONTAIN 1 LARGE, MILTIWING BLDG, 15 BARRACKS-TYPE, 5 STORAGE, AND 13 MISC BLDGS. AREA C--A SECURED GARRISON IS OBSERVED 7 NM SE OF LHASA AND SOUTH OF LHASA--DECHHEN DZONG HIGHWAY AT 2937N Ø9115E. AREA CONTAINS 75 BARRACKS, 5Ø STORAGE-TYPE AND 1 ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG, AND A DRILL FIELD. A DOZEN VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA. AREA D--A WALLED BARRACKS AREA SOUTH OF KYI CHHU (RIVER) AT 2938N Ø9106E IS REPORTED ON CONTAIN SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE-TYPE, 2Ø BARRACKS, 15 STORAGE-TYPE, AND 3Ø MISC BLDGS. APRX 25 VEHICLES, 12 PROBABLE HOWITZERS, 25 OTHER ARTILLERY PIECES, AND 4 AAA PIECES, WERE ALSO OBSERVED DURING THE REPORTING

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PERIOD. AREA E--A BARRACKS AREA ON SOUTH EDGE OF LHASA AT 2939N 09107E IS REPORTED TO CONTAIN APRX 70 BARRACKS AND APRX 80 OTHER MISC BLDGS. A MOTOR POOL, UNIDENTIFED MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE, 6 AAA PIECES, AND APRX 20 VEHICLES WERE ALSO OBSERVED. HOUSING, SEVERAL HOSPITAL AREAS, NUMEROUS STORAGE AREAS, A LARGE TENT ENCAMPMENT NW OF LHASA WITH APRX 350 TENTS, AND A NEW AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION APRX .5 NM NORTH OF LHASA WITH 8 COMPLETED BLDGS AND 15 BLDGS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION WERE OBSERVED IN THE GENRAL LHASA AREA.

5. SIX MILITARY AREAS REPORTED WITHIN APRX 2 NM OF ZHIKATSE (2915N 08853E). AREA A (ADJACENT TO SE EDGE OF ZHIKATSE)--SECURED, POSSIBLE HEADQUARTERS AREA WITH 1 LARGE U-SHAPED ADMINISTRATIVE, 15 BARRACKS AND 3 SUPPORT BLDGS. AREA B (JUST EAST OF AREA A)--SECURED BARRACKS AREA WITH 25 BARRACKS, 6 SUPPORT BLDGS, 7 TENTS, AND ADJACENT OPEN STORE AREA WITH 5 TRUCKS. AREA C (APRX 1 NM SOUTH OF ZHIKATSE)--ADMINISTRATIVE AREA WITH 14 BLDGS AND APRX 8 TRUCKS. AREA D (APRX 1.5 NM SOUTH OF ZHIKATSE)--APRX 40 BARRACKS, AND APRX 45 MISC BLDGS. UNDENTIFIED MATERIAL OBSERVED ON OPEN STORAGE. AREA E (APRX 2 NM SOUTH OF ZHIKATSE)--MOTOR POOL WITH 10 MEDIUM-TO-LARGE AND NUMEROUS SMALLER BLDGS, AND APRX 25 TRUCKS. AREA F (ADJACENT TO NORTH EDGE OF ZHIKATSE)--SECURED BARRACKS AREA WITH 15 BARRACKS, APRX 30 TENTS, AND OPEN STORAGE. FOOTINGS FOR 1 POSSIBLE BARRACKS AND 1 LARGE BLDG ALSO OBSERVED. MODERATE TRUCK TRAFFIC WAS OBSERVED ON ROAD TO NNE OF ZHIKATSE.

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7. TWO SMALL TENT CAMPS ARE REPORTED IN THE SHEKAR DZONG AREA, 1 APRX 1.5 NM SOUTH AT 2837N 08704E CONTAINING 7 TENTS AND 15 TRUCKS AND 1 APRX 2.5 NM SE AT 2837N 08706E CONTAINING 17 TENTS AND 17 TRUCKS.

8. TWO ADJACENT WALLED BARRACKS AREAS ARE REPORTED AT 3220N 09137E, 18 NM NE OF AMDO TSUNG TSHO (LAKE). AREAS CONTAIN APRX 25 QUONSET HUTS, 6 BARRACKS-TYPE BLDGS, 6 MISC BLDGS (ONE OF WHICH IS REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION, POL DRUMS AND UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE. APRX 3 NM SW OF AN-TU-MAI-MA IS AN ADDITIONAL BARRACKS AREA REPORTEDLY CONTAINING 30 TENTS, 5 BARRACKS, 15 BARRACKS/STORAGE AND SEVERAL MISC BLDGS, AND UNIDENTIFED MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE. ROADS IN AREA ARE REPORTED TO BE GRADED, 2-LANE AND SERVICEABLE. APRX 15 TRUCKS WERE NOTED DURING PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

9. FIFTEEN TENTS AND ONE TRUCK ARE REPORTED AT A CAMP APRX 7 NM SW OF MENKHAP NE ON ROAD TO TINGRI DZONG AT 2845N 08610E. A CONVOY OF 20 VEHICLES WAS OBSERVED HEADING NW APRX 2 NM WEST OF TOWN AT 2849N 08615E ON THE NEW TINGRI DZONG--JONGKHA DZONG ROAD.

10. A REST AND REFUELING AREA APRX 40 NM NW OF LHASA AND SITUATED ASTRIDE THE LHASA--NAGGHHU ROAD AT 3008N 09033E IS REPORTED BY A RELIABLE SOURCE. THE AREA CONTAINS 5 LARGE WAREHOUSE-TYPE BLDGS, 13 BARRACKS, 13 QUONSET HUTS, APRX 20 SMALL MISC BLDGS, 30 TENTS, A WATER STANDPIPE, UNIDENTIFED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN SW

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SECTION OF INSTALLATION, AND 25 CARGO TRUCKS. A SECURED STORAGE AREA IS ALSO REPORTED TO BE APRX .5 NM NORTH OF THE AREA AND CONTAINS 5 STORAGE BLDGS, POL DRUMS, AND UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE.

11. A BARRACKS, REST AND MAINTENANCE AREA IS REPORTED IN THE WEN-SHUAN AREA, ALONG THE NAGGHHU DZONG--WEN-SHUANG ROAD AT 3317N 09154E. THE AREA, AN APRX 300 X 650 FT WALLED COMPOUND, CONTAINS 15 QUONSET HUTS, 3 BARRACKS AND A SUPPORT BLDG. A MOTOR POOL CONTAINING 10 CARGO TRUCKS, POL DRUMS AND UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE WAS ALSO OBSERVED ACROSS THE ROAD. AN AREA CONTAINING 12 BARRACKS IS ALSO REPORTED JUST NW OF THE COMPOUND.

12. A MILITARY BARRACKS AREA IS REPORTED ON THE SE EDGE OF GYANGTSE AT 2851N 08938E. AREA CONTAINS APRX 50 BARRACKS, 7 WAREHOUSES, AND NUMEROUS OTHER MISC BLDGS. TWO HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO STATIONS WERE ALSO OBSERVED JUST SE OF GYANGTSE. ONE STATION HAD 11 STICKMASTS AND ONE CONTROL BLDG, THE OTHER HAD 3 STICKMASTS AND ONE CONTROL BLDG.

13. A SECURED BARRACKS AREA WAS OBSERVED ON THE WSW OF YATUNG AT 2728N 08854E AND IS REPORTED TO CONTAIN 5 BARRACKS AND 13 MISC BLDGS. TWO STRONGPOINTS EACH ENCLOSING SEVERAL BLDGS WERE OBSERVED ALONG A TRAIL ABOUT 5 NM SSW OF YATUNG. A TRENCH SYSTEM WAS ALSO OBSERVED ALONG A RIDGE APRX 6 NM SE OF YATUNG.

14. APRX 15 TENTS, A POSSIBLE WEATHER STATION AND A SMALL OPEN STORAGE AREA IS REPORTED IN TINGRI DZONG AT 2835N 08639E. ALSO

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REPORTED ARE 5 ROAD CAMPS CONTAINING 4 TO 5 TENTS AND SPACED AT INTERVAWS OF 3 NM ALONG ROAD LEADING WNW FROM TINGRI DZONG.

15. 5 BARRACKS WITH FRESHLY DUG TRENCHES IN VICINITY REPORTED ON A TRAIL APRX 1 NM NW OF GIRANG DZONG AT 2828N 08516E.

16. INCOMPLETE OBSERVATIONS IN THE NYALAM DZONG AREA REPORT 40 TENTS AT 2810N 08558E. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

17. A SINGLE LANE, NATURAL SURFACE SERVICEABLE ROAD IS REPORTED FROM ZHIKATSE (2915N 08853E) TO TINGRI DZONG (2834N 08638E). APRX 90 VEHICLES, 60 OF WHICH WERE HEADING WEST IN 2 CONVOYS, WERE COUNTED DURING PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

18. A 2-LANE, GRADED, NATURAL SURFACE, SERVICEABLE ROAD IS REPORTED BETWEEN NAGGHHU DZONG (3130N 09200E) AND WEN-CHUAN (CHINA) AT 3317N 09154E. APRX 225 CARGO TRUCKS, MOST OF WHICH WERE REPORTED HEADING SOUTH DURING PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.
ALSO OBSERVED ALONG THE ROUTE WAS A SINGLE LANE, DECK-TYPE WOODEN BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND APRX 50 FT LONG AT 3158N 09137E.

19. TRAVELERS ON THE LHASA--NAGGHHU DZONG ROAD REPORT 25 TRUCKS DISPERSED ALONG THE ROUTE, ALL MOVING SE AT TIME OF OBSERVATION.

20. TRAVELERS ALONG TINGRI DZONG--JONGKHA DZONG ROAD REPORT NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING REALIGNMENT AND IMPROVEMENT TO DOUBLE LANE NW FROM TINGRI DZONG (2833N 08638E) TO JONGKHA DZONG (2853N 08518E). APRX 20 TENTS, 8 TRACTORS WITH FRONT-MOUNTED BLADES, AND 25 TRUCKS WERE REPORTED ALONG ROAD DURING PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

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